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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Lt. GOVERNOR



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SECRETARY



KATHY DEERE  
TREASURER



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REPRESENTATIVE

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members:

**A**s you all are well aware, this has been a very eventful spring and early summer. I want to thank the many Tribal members who took the time, and had the interest to vote in the latest elections. There was a very decent number of votes cast, and I want you to know I appreciate each and every vote cast, no matter who the vote was for. I do want to convey a special thanks to you all who cast your vote for me, and I will do my best to serve you to the best of my ability.

I know it has been a concern of Tribal members that the TEC Inc. Board of Directors were operating in a manner that upset many of you. In view of these concerns the Executive Committee has appointed three new positions to the Board of Directors, T.R. Kanuch, Brian Bush, and Philip Harris. These are all knowledgeable and experienced business men who are working diligently to help streamline the TEC Inc. operations, and help further the economic viability of our gaming enterprises.

Due to the Blood Quantum being lowered to 1/8<sup>th</sup>, the Tribal enrollment has increased by almost 10% since the referendum was approved.

Although it has been a long and sometimes controversial time concerning the new clinic, and the new casino at the Tribal Complex, these entities are nearing completion and if all goes well, will open for business on time and will help the economic well being of the Tribe.

Again thank you all for your interest in the Tribe, and I'll do my best to make the next two years both prosperous, and enjoyable to us all.

Respectfully,

George Blanchard

**W**e've had a busy month in many different aspects. As was reported in last months issue we informed you that the CPN had requested a rehearing on the Probate issue. On July 13<sup>th</sup> the Tribe received written notice that Judge Reeh had denied CPN's request. The CPN's only alternative now is to fill an appeal with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA). To date we have not received notice that Chairman Barrett has chose to file with IBIA.

BIA Self-Governance Negotiations were held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The full Committee attended the negotiations. The tribe did loose some funds; most of it was in the IRR Program. With the national deficit being what it is, I'm not surprised that we came up short this year, what did surprise me was that it wasn't as much as I thought it would be. I feel like, over all, we came out pretty good. Mr. Reinfeld was informed of the tribal ceremonies that usually occur around the annual negotiations and he politely accommodated the request to host negotiations without interfering with the Tribal Ceremonies. We appreciate his honoring the tribe's request.

On a lighter side the youth program had their stomp dance on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>. The first annual AST Golf Clinic was held July 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Golf Clinic was held at the newly remodeled Horse Shoe Bend Facility.

Realty hosted a Records Management Training provided by Novella Hunt with the Southern Plains Regional Office on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a fairly decent turn out. Rachel Howell, Realty Director invited other local tribes. None

of them showed up, but as far as complex wide we had several departments attend the training.

/s/

Isaac Gibson, Jr.  
Lt. Governor

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

To My Absentee Shawnee Tribal Family:

**T**hank you for electing me Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. My opponent ran a good race, and with the help and attention of the election commission, the election ran smoothly with 343 votes. This number is comparable to the 357 voters in the last Governor/Secretary race in 2009.

The amount of support I received during the last few weeks of the election period was overwhelming and inspiring to me. I appreciated your telephone calls and emails wishing me well. Thank you for being open enough with me to tell me your stories, share your concerns, and tell me about your hopes and dreams for the future of our tribe. I hope that we can continue to keep the lines of communication open between us because I need to know what you are thinking. Again, thanks for electing me. I feel honored and blessed to represent you as your Tribal Secretary for the next two years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Lopez for her many years of service to the tribe. She left behind an experienced staff of employees that will miss her, and we all wish her well for the future.

The swearing in ceremony was held a few weeks ago and I have been in office for three weeks as

of this report. I've moved into my new office and I've had a chance to meet with my staff. In addition to my duties and administrative responsibilities as the Secretary, the following departments of service are assigned to the Secretary: Enrollment, Management Information Systems (MIS), Procurement, and Communications (Telephone, Receptionist). In addition, I have oversight of the Smoke Shops in Little Axe and Harrah, Country Kitchen Restaurant in Little Axe with the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA).

In the next few weeks I plan to meet more extensively with my departmental directors and employees to gain a better understanding of our role in providing needed and necessary services to the tribe. The goal for the next few weeks will be to ensure we are working effectively and efficiently, and to make cost effective adjustments to our work processes that will improve our services to others. It will be imperative that we utilize the ideas and opinions of our employees, and also seek out external input/feedback from others. The following new email addresses have been established as a way for you to provide us with ideas, comments, and feedback about our services at the Smokeshops in Little Axe and Harrah, Country Kitchen Restaurant in Little Axe, and the Absentee Shawnee website ([www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com)).

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[restaurant@astribe.com](mailto:restaurant@astribe.com)

[website@astribe.com](mailto:website@astribe.com)

Comments will be reviewed on a regular basis by the department directors. This is your chance to tell us what you think. Do you have a suggestion for the restaurant? Let us know. We've also set up a comment box at the restaurant for guest feedback. Think our website should be changed in some way? Let us know. We appreciate your feedback.

We feel like some improvements are in order for the restaurant and smokeshop operations. We are in the process of making some changes that will help us be more cost effective and increase revenue. We need to build up some cash reserves so that we can make some maintenance repairs that have been put off for some time. We have some equipment that needs to be replaced and the signage at all of these operations needs to be updated. We are also investigating the possibility of adding pay-at-the-pump gas service at the convenience store to increase traffic, improve revenues, and provide a needed service to the community and to casino patrons. Please utilize our Absentee Shawnee enterprises for your shopping and restaurant needs when you are in the area.

By the time you read this, the new casino in Shawnee will be up and running. Regardless of whether you wanted a Shawnee casino or not, the building is up and we have a loan to pay off. There is no turning back, so we must move forward and make it work. Our board has some new members with considerable casino experience and background. They are working with the casino management to ensure we are utilizing employees between the two casinos as efficiently as possible. Although a considerable amount of their time has been focused on opening the new casino, they are working on plans to improve the customer experience at the Little Axe casino so that revenues can be increased to help pay off the Shawnee casino loan at an accelerated rate. Paying off the loan early will save us a considerable amount of money. I know that some of the Executive Committee members feel they were not kept informed in the past about loan arrangements and the progress towards this new casino. Others in the organization think there were plenty of opportunities to know the details. I don't know everything that happened in the past, but I do know that I will do whatever I can to make sure this doesn't happen again. The casinos are our most important asset and where the majority of our revenue is produced. All of the Executive Committee members need to work together to make sure there is an overall understanding of where the casino is headed and how we are going to get there. I feel the current Executive Committee can, and will, work towards this goal.

There is a lot for me to learn in the coming weeks and months regarding state and national issues of importance to our Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead and feel optimistic for the future of our tribe.

Teri Reed – AST Secretary

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Treasurer's August Newsletter Report

Greetings AST members,

**H**ope all of you had a wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday with family and friends! This summer has been breaking 100 degree temperatures, so keep yourselves cool and hydrated (drink lots of water).

The "Swearing in Ceremony" put together by the Election Commission was a success and we all appreciate them for organizing the program, food, and good fellowship. Congrats to Mary Birdtail for

serving another term as election commissioner. Thank you all: Sabrina Little Axe, Meredith Wahpecke, Augustine Johnson, Joann Walker, Tina Ciuela, and Shirley Atkins.

Thank you AST Elders and members of the Inaugural Ball Committee: Dora City, Reta Harjo, Mary Birdtail, Margaret Ellis, Betty Watson, for establishing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Inaugural Ball. It was a very enjoyable time. The food, music, and a good time were enjoyed by all. Appreciate the beautiful corsage that we each received. Thank you Shirley. Look forward to having this annual event!

Office of Treasurer continues to be busy with regular executive committee and informal meetings, emails, numerous calls, and visits see below list:

- Attended monthly Program Directors/ Managers meeting here at Tribal Complex
- Cobell vs. Salazar class-action litigation (RE: the federal government's management of individual trust accounts and assets) payments from the Treasury will be mailed out early September or November 2011 at the latest, and be sent to your home, if IIM information is correct. The other Trust Administration check will be sent out in the summer of 2012. May receive \$800 (depending on circumstance). So all in all may receive up to \$1800.00 depending on circumstance. Could be more or less.
- Attended the Elder's monthly meeting Resource Center.
- Attended meeting with 2012 negotiation with Self-Governance Compacts Tribal Complex
- Attended the Monthly AST Health Board of Directors Meeting as Ad Hoc non-voting member
- Attended ASEDA Board Monthly meetings and ASEDA Fleet Special meeting as Ad Hoc non-voting member
- Executive Committee had a regular scheduled meeting and a special called meeting. See Resolutions Page.
- Attended Absentee Shawnee Health Board and LiSiWiNwi Board meetings as Ad Hoc non-voting member
- Attended an educational and evening dinner with our Redstone Investment associates. General discussion of the

economy and the state of investing in current environment.

- Monthly meeting with Redstone Investments over current month's performance summary and investments continue to grow. Discussion on an investment opportunity for the tribe.
- Congratulations to Executive Committee's Employee of Month June and July Winners, Larry Buckley and Officer Ben Henderson.
- Attended a meeting with TERO Director, ASEDA Consultant, Financial Consultant with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of OK (AICCO), Oklahoma City Chapter Chair, Heidi Offutt, State Board President Elect. AICCO provides an opportunity for Native American business owners to network among themselves to enhance business opportunities and to extend their venues to state and federal level.
- 2010 Audit is complete and we have an "unqualified opinion letter" which means we are an "A" rating.

My appreciation goes out to the Finance Department and the Controller, Belinda Collins, as they daily continue the never ending processes for the financial side of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Without their tireless dedication and commitment we could not keep the financial transactions processes flowing!

Also, would like to extend my appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, attend meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer! And Arlene Herrera, our office assistant, who is always willing to assist anyone that she meets. She has been a real asset to us all; we share her services, TERO, Finance, Enrollment, and Treasurer's offices! NIYAWI☺

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. Hope your July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was an enjoyable time with your family and friends. May God continue to bless you and yours! See below articles from AllNations Bank; ASEDA (ASEDA FLEET), Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department.

Respectively,

Kathy Deere, Treasurer

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business.

The 2010 Audit is complete and has been submitted to the Department of Interior and to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as required. It includes the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2010 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The Audit is an "unqualified" audit; which when compared to an educational grading scale is A.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2012 will begin within the next few weeks. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011.

The finance department continues to complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; so that financial reports can be created for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for health programs both Shawnee and Little Axe. The Finance staff has begun June reconciliations for financial reporting; the July 4 holiday has cause a couple of days delay in the reconciliation process, but we will complete it by July 8, 2011. It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audits are used to calculate the proposal.

We continue to explore avenues that will make accounting for the tribe's finances a smooth process including billing package for health programs.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP; (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and IHS, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. The Finance Staff would like to congratulate Governor George Blanchard and newly elected Secretary, Teri Reed. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction.

If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Respectfully, Belinda Collins,  
Controller

## ALLNATIONS BANK

Hello to all:

Someone stated to me the other day that they did not open an account with us because they did not want the other members to know their business. Let me assure you that no one other than bank employees will know that you have an account with us. If someone happens to see you going into the bank, they might assume you have an account; however, no one can find out anything about your account unless you tell them. There are very strict laws governing your personal information. We at AllNations Bank are very aware of those regulations and we do not share your information with anyone who does not have legal rights to that information. Your personal information is safe with us.

We have many different types of accounts that will fit almost any type of need. We understand that it is hard to change banks. To make it easier, we are going to buy your first order of blue or gold Smart Pak checks. This offer is good until the end of September. To take advantage of this offer just tell the new accounts person that you are a tribal member. We have some checking accounts that are free of service charges. With free checks and free checking, how much easier could it get to open an account?

The bank offers many different types of loans. If you need to borrow money, give us a call or drop by and talk to one of our friendly personnel. Most loan requests start with an application for credit. You can pick one up at the bank or call and ask us to mail you an application. After you fill out the credit application, we do run a credit report to see how you have done with other lenders in the past.

What you should know about your credit score. Your credit score is a number that reflects the information in your credit report. Your credit report is a record of your credit history. It includes information about whether you pay your bills on time and how much you owe creditors. Your credit score can change, depending on how your credit history changes. Your credit score can affect whether you can get a loan and how much you will have to pay for that loan. Your credit score can range from 309 to 844. The higher your score the better your chances are of getting a loan and at a lower rate of interest. Handling your obligations in a timely manner will help you get and keep a higher score. If you have questions about your credit score or need to ask someone about your ability to qualify for a loan, please come in and talk to us – we're here for you. When you bank with us, you support your tribe.

## FINANCIAL CONSULTANT DEPARTMENT

### Hello Tribal Members,

As financial consultant, I continue to strive and provide Tribal members with transparency review of financials for office of Treasurer. I continue to assist Treasurer in review and analysis of various projects and attend meetings where she cannot attend.

The following activities I have been involved and participated.

**General Fund:** Continue to review and monitor monthly encumbrance general fund budget for the office of Treasurer.

**Indirect Cost:** Continue to review and monitor monthly encumbrance indirect cost budget for office of Treasurer.

**2010 Absentee Shawnee Tribe Audit:** Participated in review and complete finalization of year end December 31, 2010 audit.

**2010 Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority Audit:** Participated in review and complete finalization of year end December 31, 2010 audit.

**Redstone Investments:** Attended and participated in an informative financial discussion of our financial strategies relating to tribal investments.

**ASEDA, Inc.:** Attended monthly board and strategy development meeting's of current and future business development ventures.

**American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICCO):** Attended a meeting with Heidi Offutt, Oklahoma City Chapter Chair, Heidi spoke of what AICCO provides an opportunity for Native American Business owners to network among themselves to enhance business opportunities and provide partnerships with Federal and State.

**Department of Agriculture / Department of Commerce:** Attended an informative no-cost one-day conference involving Midwest small business owners who want to learn how to grow and support their businesses by partnering with USDA, the Department of Commerce (DOC) and other federal agencies. The meeting was held in Overland Park, Kansas, a full-day of workshops with topics including acquisition needs and opportunities, procurement methods, subcontracting opportunities, and business development resourcing.

**Oklahoma Department of Commerce:** Attended a free workshop co-hosted by department of Commerce and State of Oklahoma Department of Libraries on how to access information from the 2010 Census, at Tulsa City County Library Downtown, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Attendees learned how to access data of all Oklahoma's counties, incorporated cities and towns, school districts, Tribal areas. The proper use of Census data can be a deciding factor for winning grant proposal's, analyzing government programs, and launching new business expansion.

In closing, my office door is always to open and if you have questions, please contact me at 405.275.4030 ext 148.

Respectfully,  
Eddie Brokeshoulder  
Financial Consultant

## ASEDA BOARD

ASEDA board members would like to introduce to you Mr. Sharrod Tabbytite, Consultant for the board. He can be reached at the ASEDA Office, 405-878-6782, Fax 405-878-4542 or email [stabbytite@astribe.com](mailto:stabbytite@astribe.com) Below a brief bio:

### SHARROD TABBYTITE, PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Mr. Tabbytite is a seasoned executive with a broad range of capabilities and qualifications developed as an entrepreneur and corporate officer. His expertise was developed while holding positions such as Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chief Financial Officer.

He has multi-Industry experience that includes senior management positions with commercial manufacturing & services corporations, and companies involved in contracting with federal government entities. In addition, Mr. Tabbytite has worked for a number of Native American enterprises in Oklahoma and New Mexico, including the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma of which he is a Tribal member.

Update on the board's activities are:

- Monthly meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 10 am, Governor's C/R, Bldg 2, AST Tribal complex.
- Special called meetings as needed.
- Four (4) business opportunities in the works.
- Continuing to meet with various companies and looking at several economic opportunities,

- ASEDA Fleet is continuing to increase their list of referrals about 45 which 15 of them have paperwork in process or waiting on financing. This list consists of Tribes, Fortune 100 companies, colleges and universities, federal departments, state, city, and local businesses, etc.

If you know any tribal members who work for companies that might be interested in securing a vehicle or vehicles, ASEDA Fleet can work with them. ASEDA Fleet can be reached by telephone (405-878-6782, email ([www.asedafleet.com](http://www.asedafleet.com)) or fax (405-878-4542). Respectively,  
Dan Little Axe, President

## REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

**A**bsentee Shawnee Tribal Members it has been a very hot summer thank goodness we finally got some rain. We still have a long way to go though before it does cool off. We need to make sure we keep check on our elders and they stay cool. Also our children this heat can really take its toll on our kids as well.

I'm in the process of building a website for our tribal youth it should be up and ready by the time the next paper comes out. So if you have anything you want to share about your child(s) talents or anything else you will be able to post it on the website. School is just around the corner and the kids will be going back feel free to post their sports activities and other things they do as well. Right now we have two interns in the day-care and will be looking to hire a director and assistant soon so the ladies can go

back to being teachers and helping our children. In the month of July Camp Nikoti was a great success represented by many of our tribal youth. I was truly excited to be invited to the awards ceremony at the end of camp and want to say thank you to the Education Director Tresha Spoon, the TYP Coordinator Jared Duroy, and the rest of the staff for a great camp. I also want to thank Edwina Butler-Wolf, Rick Short, Andrew Warrior, and also Jared Cody for putting together the Horseshoe Bend Golf Clinic that was also represented by many tribal children as well as the Johnson Community. And thank you to the Social Services Director Anne Wilson and our TERO Director Randy Edge for working together and hiring 14 summer youth workers who worked with us for 5 weeks and helped us in all areas on campus from health to realty. And thank you to the youth for working and hopefully we can hire more next year. I would also like to thank the rest of the staff of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Employees for the professional work ethics and working towards providing the best care and service.

Thanks again to everyone.

Jeff Gibson  
Tribal Representative



## TERO JOB APPLICANTS

7/15/11

Current applications 198  
(Tribal, Other Tribes, Non-Tribal Individuals)

Tribal Members 109

Enrolled Tribal Members

Other Tribes 76

(Kickapoo, Seminole, Creek, Sac n Fox, Kiowa, Pottawatomi, Cheyenne Arapaho, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Sioux, Omaha, Comanche, Kiowa, Pawnee)

Non-Tribal Individuals 13

(Black, White, Hispanic, Pakistani)

Working:

Tribal Members 36

Other Tribes 16

Non-Tribal Individuals 1

Not-Working:

Tribal Members 73

Other Tribal Members 60

Other 12

9-12 in Little Axe Resource Center and Horseshoe Bend

- August 17<sup>th</sup> will be in Little Axe Resource Center

- August 21<sup>st</sup> at Horse Shoe Bend

We currently had partnered with our WIA department and facilitated summer employment with our Clinic, Enrollment, Title VI, Culture Preservation, TERO, Maintenance, Finance and building blocks.

We are currently taking applications for skilled applicants in the field of construction. We currently have partnered with business of the Shawnee and Oklahoma City area. Listed is the name of businesses that have recently hired and job description:

Signs USA, Class A CDL

New Shawnee Casino, Construction Laborers

Nabholz, Construction Laborers

MDC Drywall, Mixer Laborer

Labor Finders will be here Tuesdays at 10am for testing and background checks. There were 35 applications filled out through Labor Finders in the case of job openings throughout Shawnee and Oklahoma City region. We encourage new applicants to apply and keep contact with the TERO department as jobs will be filled quickly. We are working with M.I.S. department in the efforts to build a TERO Smart Phone Application. The application will give opportunity to all contractors in having an up to date list of skilled applicants, vendors, Certified TERO Business's and the TERO Tribal ordinance.

We will be out helping potential applicants help fill out applications from

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE	% OF TAXES COLLECTED	
													Total	%	
<b>FY-2011 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 6/30/2011)</b>															
Sales (6%)	\$10,465.58	\$12.34	\$16,846.46	\$5,088.76	\$15,566.63	\$7,193.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,973.33	4.62%	
Gaming % of free cash	\$102,200.00	\$50,000.00	\$126,145.00	\$200,000.00	\$196,337.00	\$207,561.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$882,243.00	74.21%	
Employee (1%)	\$15,754.96	\$0.00	\$18,485.37	\$6,507.55	\$9,378.31	\$18,471.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,597.22	5.77%	
Severance (8%)	\$888.64	\$2,062.45	\$2,103.94	\$986.79	\$1,424.72	\$2,347.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,794.41	0.82%	
Motor Vehicle	\$12,422.54	\$11,428.73	\$15,470.44	\$12,156.17	\$11,291.89	\$11,283.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,053.44	6.23%	
Tobacco Refund	\$18,501.65	\$18,412.20	\$14,507.15	\$13,985.28	\$13,165.79	\$19,772.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,314.54	8.27%	
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	\$160,233.37	\$81,915.72	\$193,358.36	\$238,674.55	\$247,164.34	\$266,629.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,187,975.94		
Miscellaneous	\$160.00	\$80.00	\$132.50	\$150.00	\$212.50	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	0.07%	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$160,393.37</b>	<b>\$81,995.72</b>	<b>\$193,190.66</b>	<b>\$238,824.55</b>	<b>\$247,376.84</b>	<b>\$266,749.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,188,830.94</b>	<b>100%</b>	

# Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed through July 20, 2011

## EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

**E-AS-11-54 07/12/11**

Authorizes the Absentee Shawnee Health Authority to amend the compact with the Indian Health Service to include services to non-Indian beneficiaries.

**E-AS-11-55 07/12/11**

Approves and accepts **Airen Nicole Johnson, Michael Roosevelt Wright, Harper Janiece Brown, Elijah Christopher Brown, Samuel David Brown, Paisley Alexis Yandell, Damian Eugene Rowan, Savannah Colette Wilson, Ruby Leigh DeLodge, Madison Diane Little, Jadyn Alise Little, Sutton Keith Little, Sean Patrick Brandon, Natalie Cadence Barbosa, Donald Ray Hatcher, Rosalee Brianna Lizzet Ibarra, Angel Antonio Ibarra, Luis Ricardo Ibarra, Jr., Lya Lynette Ibarra, Ashlynn Shay Blanchard, Sierrah Delyn Blanchard, Cameron Michael Coddington, Corey William Coddington, Koryne Shazity Coddington, Kyle Clarence Coddington, Kristin Lace Ortega and Gabriel Xavier Deere** as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

**E-AS-11-56 07/12/11**

Authorizes Secretary Teri Reed and Governor George Blanchard as designated Tribal Officials to verify and certify Indian Preference Forms and other documents concerning Tribal Enrollment and Membership.

**E-AS-11-57 07/12/11**

Authorizes and approves the change of bank account signers on all bank accounts at BancFirst; all investment accounts including, but not limited to, LPL Financial (Linsco Private Ledger) and Merrill Lynch; and all Bureau of Indian Affairs accounts for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to include the Executive Committee members as follows: Lieutenant Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr., Secretary Teri Reed, Treasurer Kathy Deere, and Representative Jeff Gibson and removing Michelle Lopez from all accounts, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**.

**E-AS-11-58 07/20/11**

Approves and accepts **Sophia Michelle Switch, Blake Tyler Alford, Jaci Lanae Alford, Tommy**

**Dean Miller, Mia Rachelle Little, Micco David Little, Marysa Fay Little, Bryce Thomas Dankenbring, Christina Renee Dankenbring, Damien Micheal Colungo, Fallon Kay Jackson and Tiffany Elyse Ramirez** as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

**E-AS-11-59 07/20/11**

Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Vicki Sue Wilson** provided that she is accepted into the **Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma**.

**E-AS-11-60 07/20/11**

Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Colleen Lou Ann Butler** provided that she is accepted into the **Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma**.

**E-AS-11-61 07/20/11**

Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Breanna Pamela Butler**, a minor, provided she is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

**E-AS-11-62 07/20/11**

Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Brandon Linn Butler**, a minor, provided he is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

**E-AS-11-63 07/20/11**

Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Matthew Aaron Butler**, a minor, provided he is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

**E-AS-11-64 07/20/11**

Approves and authorizes the Treasurer's Office and Finance Department to establish a bank account at AllNations Bank titled "General Fund" with the signature requirements and authorized signers being the same as Tribal bank accounts to include the Executive Committee members as follows: Lieutenant Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr., Secretary Teri Reed, Treasurer Kathy Deere, and Representative Jeff Gibson, effective immediately.

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

**L-AS-11-07 07/12/11**

Authorizes a corporate credit card for Secretary Teri Reed of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and cancelling the corporate credit card for Michelle Lopez, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. (\$5,000.00 limit)**

**L-AS-11-08 07/20/11**

Approves and authorizes an additional investment in an REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) Fund by recommendation of Linsco Private Ledger, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's investment advisor, in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be made from the General Fund.

**L-AS-11-09 07/20/11**

Approves and authorizes an increase in the Sponsored Programs clothing line item only budget in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) to anticipate the need of new enrollees per the blood quantum change.

## FROM THE ELDERS' CORNER.....

**by Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary**

Hello to all Absentee-Shawnee tribal members, elders, soon to be elders but don't want to admit it and to our younger people who want to know what we old folks have been up to! My sincere apologies for not submitting informational articles for our newspaper for such a long time but let's be honest here we have had problems with our newspaper deadlines for some time now but at this point in time, we have all been assured by the announcement on the front page of the July newspaper that the regular deadline is now firmly established to be the **25th** of each month. In the months past, the deadline was changed so much that our news would be over a month old when finally published and received! I will do my best to submit information on a regular basis in the future. For now, I will offer a recap on meetings past. The **January 15, 2011** meeting was held at the Resource Center in Little Axe and the high point of the meeting was the election of officers. Dan Little Axe. Sr. was elected President. Gene Parker, Vice President, Betty Watson, Treasurer, and I am happy to say that I maintain my position as Secretary. A quorum was established with 30 members present. Invocation was given by Mildred Switch. Birthdays were recognized for Gene Parker and Stella Little. Minutes of the December 18, 2010 and October 12, 2010 meetings were approved. A fund raiser 50/50 raffle was held and won by Frankie Watson. A chili/stew fund raiser of January 14th held at the Title VI Building in Shawnee had earned \$276 for the council. The financial report for the month of December 2010 was given and the Elders account was reported

to be \$903.19 and the AST account balance was \$920.86. The report was accepted as presented. Questions were heard about the left over Christmas candy bags provided the elders that were to be distributed by Mary and Richard Birdtail.

The **February 19, 2011** meeting was held at the Title VI building on the AST complex in Shawnee. A quorum was established with 27 tribal members present. Invocation was given by Governor George Blanchard. Birthdays were acknowledged for Serena Daugherty, Cynthia Longhorn, Reta Harjo, Pauline Johnson (celebrating 85 years!), Helen Wilson and Lee Roller. Dora City was recognized for her sewing and donating a tribal dress for the Veterans pow wow of November 2010. A letter from tribal member Theresa Jacobs was read where she inquired of items donated to Elders that included gems and tins of cookies. Minutes of the January 15, 2011 meeting were approved. The financial report gave the account balance at First United Bank in Tecumseh to be \$1,672.45 and the AST account as \$9,655.54. The report was approved. Volunteers for the November 2011 pow wow headed by Woody Wilson were heard to be Sadie Low, Sue Blanchard, Dora City, Reta Harjo, Margaret Ellis, Kathy and Lloyd Deere and Serena Daugherty. Proposed changes to Council guidelines were discussed. The subject of the required audit was discussed and it was agreed that Alice and Bill McBride would be appointed for this task as well as a member of the Executive Committee. A motion was approved to have more than one person count votes for the Outstanding Elder and Volunteer in the future.

The March 12, 2011 meeting was held at the Resource Center in Little Axe. A quorum of 38 members was present. Invocation was given by Elroy Alford. Celebrating birthdays were Gertrude "Trudy" Pickering, Virginia Sutton and newest elder, Shirley Adkins. A fund raiser event of "meet the Candidates" in the upcoming primary election was held with the incumbent Tribal Secretary, Michelle Lopez present as well as challengers Jim Johnson and Tern Reed. Other invited candidates Leonard Longhorn and John Al Little Axe were no shows. Governor candidates present were Ken Blanchard and Ewell Longhorn. Incumbent George Blanchard was not present due to a tribal members' funeral. Minutes for the February 19, 2011 were approved. Tribal member Theresa Jacobs was present and questioned the use of the gems and distribution of the tins of cookies she had sent to the Elders. The financial report for February 2011 was presented and the Elders account at First United was reported to be \$1,902.25 and the AST account to be \$9,330.39. The report was approved. Mary and Richard Birdtail were presented with a plaque and a check for \$100 in appreciation for their work and dedication. A ques-

tion was heard about the money owed by former Treasurer Mary Gibson and restitution balance. Proposed changes to Guidelines were approved resulting in a broader "Purpose" statement for the Council; terms of officers going to three (3) years instead of two (2) and per diem for officers being raised to \$100 from \$75.00. All amendments are effective immediately.

The **April 9, 2011** meeting was held at the Title VI Building in Shawnee Thirty-two members made up a quorum. Invocation was given by Council President Dan Little Axe, Sr. Birthdays for the month were acknowledged for Gerry Roller, Marjorie Kaniatobe, Jenifer Sloan and Alice McBride. Minutes of the March 12, 2011 meeting were tabled due to missing pages. The Treasurers' report showed \$1,759.25 in the bank at Tecumseh and the AST balance to be \$8,817.27. The report was approved. The subject of the donated gems and tins of cookies came up again due to a letter from Theresa Jacobs stating these items had been mailed to then Council officer Sue Blanchard. Secure storage space is to be sought for Council at the AST complex. Suggestions were heard for fund raising events that include a golf tournament, auctions, a cook book, garage sale and an inaugural ball following the June election. Mel Switch and Woody Wilson President and Vice President of the White turkey Band announced the grand opening of the Horse Shoe Bend Community Center set for April 30, 2011. Dates for the Tecumseh High School Indian Club and a gourd dance at McLoud were announced. The Elders Council is to provide food for General Council on April 16, 2011.

The **May 21, 2011** meeting was held at the Resource Center in Little Axe. Quorum was established with thirty-seven tribal members present. Invocation was given by Elroy Alford. Birthdays were acknowledged for Barbara Wilkerson, Velma Hutchinson and Elroy Alford. A presentation on Respecting Traditional Tobacco and Eliminating Commercial Tobacco was made by Patricia Yarhola of the AST REACH US Program. Minutes of the March 12, 2011 and April 9, 2011 were available and approved. No written Treasurers' report was available and were therefore tabled until next months' meeting. A motion to transfer the Elders fund raising account monies from First United Bank in Tecumseh to the All Nations Bank was approved. Former Council officer Sue Blanchard was present and gave an explanation on the issue of previous months discussion, that is, donated tins of cookies for the Elders. Possible dates and site for the fund raiser golf tournament was discussed. The recipe/cook book was discussed. Plans for the inaugural ball and yard sale were heard. The inaugural ball is set for June 30 at Thunderbird Casino. Volunteers and

contributions are being sought for each event. The **June 11, 2011** (re-scheduled from June 18, 2011 due to the tribal election) was held at the Title VI Building in Shawnee. Quorum was established with twenty-six elders present. Invocation was given by Will "Poncho" Walker. Two birthdays were acknowledged, for Sue Blanchard and Sadie Low. Minutes of the May 21, 2011 were approved. The Treasurers' report for April and May 2011 was also approved. The Elders account for April was given to be \$2,995.65 and the AST account \$8,417.27. The May Elders account was reported to be \$2,790.65 and the AST account as \$8,017.27. The report was approved. It was announced that a yard sale had been held at Brendle corner on June 4, 2011. Income from the yard sale and inaugural ball will be reported and added to the June financial report. A question on bank statements was heard. The AST Honor Guard is forming an American Legion Post at Little Axe that will be open for membership to all Native American warriors.

The July 16, 2011 meeting was held at the Resource Center in Little Axe. Twenty-nine tribal members made a quorum. The invocation was given by Governor George Blanchard. Celebrating birthdays this month were Esteline Schellenberg and Mary Birdtail. The Minutes of June 11, 2011 were approved. The Treasurers' report reflected for May to be \$2,790.65 for the Elders and the AST account to be \$8,017.27. The June account showed \$2,587.31 for the Elders and the AST account to be \$7,717.27. Both reports were approved. The Council is still open to suggestions for fund raising events and especially recipes for a cook book. If you would like to share your favorite food dish, please contact Jan Alford at (405) 771-3280. Plans are still being worked on for the golf tournament, for information or if you would like to volunteer to help or contribute, contact Dan Little Axe at 413-8443. For information on the pow wow, contact Woody Wilson at 273-5940. Announcing in plenty of time for your consideration to help or contribute food items, an Indian Taco sale is set for October 1st at Firelake grocery. For information, contact Gene Parker at 613-1139. If you have any questions or comments on anything contained herein, call me at (405) 273-4137.

Our next meeting is set for **Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Horse Shoe Bend Community Center**. Meeting time is 10:00 a.m. Always glad to hear from you. Remember our elders who are ill or under the weather or home bound. Call them or check on them. Hope to see you at our next get together. See y'all then! Sincerely, Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary, Elders Council.



**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
INAUGURAL BALL**  
Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE  
TRIBAL ELDERS  
COUNCIL.**



The First Annual Inaugural Ball sponsored by the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council was a huge success!! We, the Inaugural Ball Committee, comprised of Mary Birdtail, Dora City, Margaret Ellis, Rita Harjo and I, Betty Watson had set a goal of raising \$1,000.00 for the Elders Council and we exceeded that amount!!

If you were not able to attend you missed all the festivities and decorations with the theme designed from our Tribal Seal. Red, black and yellow balloons were scattered all around the ceiling, tables were decorated with white table coverings with a black table runner and a tribal seal at the center of the table, as the focal point with red, black and yellow balloons tied to a red, black or gold star next to the seal decorated each table. Music was provided by Isaac Gibson and Calvin White's "Uncivilized Band". The first dance was started by newly elected Governor George Blanchard and his wife, Sue, along with elected Secretary Teri Reed and her escort.

In attendance were the Executive Committee members, Treasurer Kathy Deer and Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson., the AST Elders Council Chairman Dan Little Axe, Vice Chairman Gene Parker and Treasurer Betty Watson.

We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors who contributed to the success of this event: Thunderbird Casino for the use of the Warrior Room, the delicious food, decoration supplies and printing our flyer and program; and monetary donations from All Nations Bank, Sonic Drive In-Little Axe, Thunderbird Veterinary Hospital, Barthelemy Auction Service & Trading Post, Naboltz Construction, Country Boy Market and the beautiful white roses corsages provided by Shirley Adkins for the newly elected Secretary Reed and Election Commissioner Birdtail.

Thank you all and we look forward to continuing this event for the elections hereafter.

Absentee Shawnee Elders Council

*Betty Watson, Treasurer*



# **Wills Clinic**

October 13, 2011  
Absentee Shawnee  
Complex Building 1

Call OILS at:  
(405) 943-6457 to make an appointment.

If anyone needs  
assistance with a will before then, call the same number to make  
arrangements for an  
appointment to meet with OILS attorney.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 27, 2011

## **Department of Agriculture Issues Disaster Declaration in 74 Oklahoma Counties**

OKLAHOMA CITY – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today issued a Secretarial disaster declaration in 69 Oklahoma counties and five contiguous counties. The declaration came in response to a June 10 request by Governor Mary Fallin, who asked the USDA to issue a disaster declaration in order to help farmers hit by drought and wildfires.

Seventy-four Oklahoma counties are currently covered under the USDA declaration. Nowata, Craig and Ottawa counties are not.

According to the USDA, a Secretarial disaster designation makes farmers in designated counties eligible to be considered for federal assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). That assistance includes FSA emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. Farmers in designated counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. Farmers interested in requesting additional information should contact their local FSA office.

"The weather has made this an extremely tough year for Oklahoma farmers," Governor Fallin said. "This declaration will help those who have been hard hit by drought and other bad conditions to get the assistance they need."



## HEALTHY WEIGHT – IT'S NOT A DIET, IT'S A LIFESTYLE

It's natural for anyone trying to lose weight to want to lose it very quickly. But evidence shows that people who lose weight gradually and steadily (about 1 to 2 pounds per week) are more successful at keeping weight off. Healthy weight loss isn't just about a "diet" or "program". It's about an ongoing lifestyle that includes long-term changes in daily eating and exercise habits.

To lose weight, you must use up more calories than you take in. Since one pound equals 3,500 calories, you need to reduce your caloric intake by 500—1000 calories per day to lose about 1 to 2 pounds per week.<sup>1</sup>

Once you've achieved a healthy weight, by relying on healthful eating and physical activity most days of the week (about 60—90 minutes, moderate intensity), you are more likely to be successful at keeping the weight off over the long term.

Losing weight is not easy, and it takes commitment. But if you're ready to get started, we've got a step-by-step guide to help get you on the road to weight loss and better health.

### Even Modest Weight Loss Can Mean Big Benefits

The good news is that no matter what your weight loss goal is, even a modest weight loss, such as 5 to 10 percent of your total body weight, is likely to produce

health benefits, such as improvements in blood pressure, blood cholesterol, and blood sugars.<sup>2</sup>

For example, if you weigh 200 pounds, a 5 to 7 percent weight loss equals 10 to 14 pounds, bringing your weight down to between 186 to 190 pounds. While this weight may still be in the "overweight" or "obese" range, this modest weight loss can decrease your risk factors for chronic diseases related to obesity.

So even if the overall goal seems large, see it as a journey rather than just a final destination. You'll learn new eating and physical activity habits that will help you live a healthier lifestyle. These habits may help you maintain your weight loss over time.

In addition to improving your health, maintaining a weight loss is likely to improve your life in other ways. A study of participants in the National Weight Control Registry<sup>\*</sup> found that those who had maintained a significant weight loss reported improvements in their physical health, their energy levels, physical mobility, general mood, and self-confidence.

*Besides being overweight or obese, here are other risk factors to consider—*

- Cigarette smoking
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- High LDL – cholesterol (bad cholesterol)
- Low HDL – cholesterol (good cholesterol)
- High triglycerides
- High blood glucose (sugar)
- Family history of premature

heart disease

- Physical inactivity

For maintaining a healthy weight or help with quitting smoking please contact the Absentee Shawnee Diabetes Program and Community and Preventative Services for physical activity plan, nutrition, and smoking cessation at (405)878-4702 or (405)360-0698.



Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1 800 QUIT NOW

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# AST HEALTH SYSTEMS

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S "REPORT TO THE PEOPLE" ON THE AST HEALTH SYSTEM:

It has been a very busy six weeks since my selection as your Director of Health. I have had the opportunity to meet with several of the staff and tribal members during that time to discuss our current activities and share our future plans. Of most importance to get their input on changes they would like to see in the Tribal Health Program.

Let me begin by providing you an update on different changes in our Programs.

### New Employees/Contractors:

Dr. Kevin Young, Optometrist - Dr. Young has replaced Dr. Shed as our new optometrist and will work in the Shawnee Health Center on Wednesday's and Friday's in July. On August 15<sup>th</sup> he will begin working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Dr. Young is an outstanding optometrist with a private practice in Norman, Oklahoma and will be an excellent addition to our medical staff.

Dr. John Jutting, M.D. – Dr. Jutting is a Family Practice Physician who will report for duty at the Shawnee Health Center on Monday, August 1, 2011. He is currently in practice in Florida. He has worked as an Emergency Room Physician in Anadarko, Oklahoma at Physician Hospital and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma

Family and Preventive Medicine Residency Program. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Dr. Jutting.

Dr. Eric Pratt, D.D.S. – Dr. Pratt is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, College of Dentistry and completed an internship at Mary Mahoney Health Center in Spencer, Oklahoma. He will be employed as a full time Dentist at the Health Center in Little Axe.

Dr. Regina Smith, D.P.M. – Dr. Smith is a Podiatrist and currently in Private Practice in Norman, Oklahoma. She will provide podiatry services in the Health Center in Little Axe every Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM ,beginning on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Garrett, N.P. – Amy is a Nurse Practitioner that specializes in Women's Health and joins our staff on Monday, August 15, 2011. She will be a full time employee and provide Women's Health Service at the Health Centers in Little Axe and Shawnee. She has over 20 years of experience and is extremely well qualified. She is a graduate of the OBU Nursing Program where she received her BSN and Masters Degree as a Nurse Practitioner, with an emphasis in Women's Health, from the University of Texas S.W in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Nancy Phelps, Pharm. D – Nancy is the new Director of Pharmacy for AST Health System and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy. She most recently served as

Pharmacy Director for the last eight years at the Kickapoo Tribal Health Center. In addition to the above employees and/or contractors, we have several other new employees including Mr. Buster Bread, Fitness Program Director, Phyllis Tiger, Nurse Case Manager & Improving Patient Care Coordinator, Paul Tessman, Information Technology Software Engineer, and Shirley Walters, Phlebotomist. We are very fortunate to have all the above individuals as members of our health care family.

### Other Activities:

In addition, the Health Program would like to highlight some of our activities that we have been busy working on the last month:

- The Shawnee Health Center will be expanding the number of exam rooms from the current four (4) to eight (8) in the next three (3) weeks to provide more room for the additional health care providers, and to provide more services to our community members
- The Optometry Program has contracted with Thundercloud Optical in Omaha Nebraska and will provide a larger selection of frames, lenses. We have added the lines Willing, Flexure, DiCaprio, Artistik, Harley Davidson, Modz Kids, Giovani di Venezia, URock, Genevieve Boutique, and many high quality optics. In addition, the turnaround time

## AST HEALTH CENTER –SHAWNEE & LITTLE AXE FOCUS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

- from order placement to receipt of the glasses will be reduced to four to five days, rather than ten to fifteen as it has been in the past.
- The Shawnee Pharmacy is now providing prescription medications to all Native American patients who present for medical care.
- The construction of your new state of the art Ambulatory Health Center in Little Axe is proceeding well and on schedule, with a projected target completion date of March 31, 2012. The staff is currently in the process of finalizing orders on medical, office and other equipment needed to operate the new facility. The new LI-SI-WI-NWI Ambulatory Health Center will be one of the most beautiful and comprehensive Health Care Facilities in Central Oklahoma.

### **Future Plans:**

I am committed to providing health care services that are customer focused and quality driven. I believe it is essential that we receive input from our customers, which are you, our community members. In the near future I will begin implementing the following changes in our Health Delivery System:

- Increasing the hours the Health Centers will be open to 7 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

- Staggering the lunch hours for Pharmacy so they will be open during lunch.
- Making medical services, especially Urgent Care, available by providing "Same Day Call in Appointments" for patients between the hours of 1 PM to 5:30 PM and regular appointments between the hours of 7 AM to 12:30 PM.
- Providing more Podiatry clinic services with the goal as having a full time Podiatrist on staff.
- Providing more specialty medical services such as Women's Health, Orthopedic Consultations, Cardiology, Urology, and Pediatrics.
- Providing more Dental Services, including dentures and crowns.
- Conducting Community Meetings on a regular basis to solicit input and recommendations.

If you have specific recommendations that you would like to share with me on how we can improve our health care services please contact Leah Bates, at 878-4702 extension 133 or toll free at 1-877-878-4702. If you choose, you can also email Leah at the following address [lbates@astribe.com](mailto:lbates@astribe.com). Your recommendations are valued and will be reviewed and discussed with our newly formed "Customer Service Committee" that meets twice monthly.

On August 15, 2011 the AST Health System will begin focusing on Women's Health Services to better meet the health care needs of women. Ms. Amy Garrett, ARNP has joined our medical staff as a full time Advanced Nurse Practitioner specializing in Women's Health. Ms. Garrett has over 23 years of experience in Obstetrics and Gynecology and for the past 11 years has worked in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. For your benefit the AST Health System will provide the following services:

- Preconception Counseling
- Well Woman Exam
- Menopausal Medicine
- Pap Smears
- IUD's and Implanon Insertion
- Diaphragm
- Endometrial Biopsies
- Colposcopy
- Treatment for Abnormal Periods, Pelvic Pain, Urinary Incontinence and Sexual Transmitted Disease

We welcome Amy to our staff and we encourage you to call and make an appointment at either the Little Axe or Shawnee AST Health Centers.

# Thunderbird Casino

**THUNDERBIRD CASINO 2: The dream becomes a reality... after all these years... national recognition for an extraordinary feat of accomplishment from two (2) General Managers.**

The Thunderbird Casino located in Norman, Oklahoma has been open since 1987 and like many Tribal Casinos started out as a Bingo Hall. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has made attempts of opening a new facility however that has never developed in the twenty (20) years of business.

Thunderbird Casino went through many changes during its time of operation. The casino at one time offered concerts, boxing events and even a tough man contest or two. As the years went by the Indian Gaming Industry was growing and beginning to prosper throughout the United States. The Absentee Shawnee tribe made efforts to continue to grow to compete with other casinos in the area. The passing of Class III gaming in 2004 provided another form of gaming revenue to the Thunderbird Casino... Blackjack & Poker! The Thunderbird Poker room opened in 2005 and was well accepted with

enthusiasm and excitement from guest and employees alike. The Thunderbird Casino was generating more revenue and business was great. Then in 2007 the bottom fell out... Thunderbird Casino remained open for business just barely surviving and attempting to pay the bills.

### **Two new faces appear at the helm:**

Drew Word & Kurt Williams began their employment in January of 2008 and first thing they did was to evaluate the financial problems with the casino and started to make all efforts to find a solution to bring back a once profitable business from the brink of bankruptcy. Drew & Kurt continue to work diligently and have not lost focus on the road to financial recovery for the Absentee Shawnee tribe's number one revenue generating business. These two (2) men have been able to accomplish more in a short period of time than seemed possible. The Thunderbird Casino has been transformed from a 20 year old Bingo Hall to a modern day casino. This transformation has come in a short period of their employment. Drew & Kurt have been working on developing

a plan of action for a new casino property almost simultaneously with the remodeling of our current facility. The plan of action has been successful and the dream of a new casino will finally become a reality after all these years. The construction of the new facility has begun and if not for the diligent work ethic and business knowledge of these two men the Absentee Shawnee Tribe would have closed the doors on a casino that has been in operation for 20 years prior to their employment. The Thunderbird Casino will be celebrating 24 years of being in business this year and thanks to Drew & Kurt we will be celebrating with the opening of our second casino also!

### **National recognition:**

Their leadership and tremendous job performance along with the accomplishment of providing the Absentee Shawnee Tribe with another gaming facility has earned Kurt Williams & Drew Word the honor of being named **Indian Gaming Magazine**, a magazine distributed throughout the United States, **Extraordinary Employee** for the month of July! This is a well deserved honor for both of these men.

The road to financial recovery began on the day of their arrival and has been an ongoing process.

Submitted by: Eric Spoon

## **KURT WILLIAMS – JULY'S EXTRAORDINARY EMPLOYEE**



Kurt Williams

*Indian Gaming* magazine has named Kurt Williams Extraordinary Employee for the month of July 2011. Kurt is Co-General Manager of Thunderbird Casino in Norman, OK, alongside Drew Word.

Hired in January of 2008, Kurt has made great strides in reshaping Thunderbird Casino, helping turn the property around and make it more competitive in its region. "This team has accomplished more in a short period of time than seemed possible," said Eric Spoon, Manager on Duty at Thunderbird. "They have transformed a 20-year-old bingo hall into a modern day casino."

Part of Kurt's background is working with companies that have financial difficulties. Though one of the first gaming properties opened in Oklahoma, it hadn't been generating the desired revenue stream. "Our initial responsibility was to do a market analysis and see what Thunderbird's market niche needed to be," said Kurt. "Over the last three and a half years, we've been able to double our monthly revenues."

One of the first projects they undertook was a complete overhaul of the property's casino-management system, replacing the existing system with the Aristocrat Oasis system. "It's a major project under any circumstances," Kurt said. "But for us it was a major step forward in being able to track our players and market to those players based on their level of play. We got a lot of accurate information out of that project. It was one of the biggest projects we've undertaken."

Another project Kurt is working on is the development of an entire new facility in Shawnee, OK, which will be the tribe's second gaming property. Plans for this new facility were developed simultaneously with Thunderbird's overhaul and the casino will be set to open in August of this year. "Being able to get through projects of this size, manage projects of this size, and finish them successfully is very exciting," he said. "It feels pretty good at the end of the day to complete these projects and complete them right."

Kurt credits much of the casino's success to the employees he is surrounded by, who have shown outstanding dedication to the property. "The team is very focused on customer service and making sure our customers feel they're getting the most for their money." ♣

**Happy Birthday  
to my Daughter Tava D.  
Larney from Dad,  
Shawnee and Kids  
we love you!**

**Happy Birthday  
to Mama  
we love you!  
from Qiana Skye,  
Gage and Marcus**

**To: Amanda, Happy Birthday,  
we love you!  
From: Cheyenne & Mary-Ann  
Jackson**

**Happy 9th Birthday "Quin"  
!! We love you!  
Mom and Dad**

**Happy Birthday to our  
Brother!!!  
We love you!  
Your sisters and brothers:  
Skyla, Robyn, LLiyah, Mi-  
kaylah, Shawn, and Silas**

**Happy Birthday  
to myself, my son,  
and to Clarice  
Murdock! May  
we celebrate in  
style!!!  
Allie Vargas**



**Happy Birthday  
Favian Dae Almanza**



**Happy Birthday  
Tegan Quinn Blackbear**



**Happy Birthday  
Marcel Andres  
Almanza**

FullName	"Citty, Rachel Danece"
"Aguinaga, Joanna Stevens"	"Ciulla, Kayla Rena"
"Alaee, Deena Shabnam"	"Clinesmith, Jamie Lenea"
"Alford, Brandon Wayne"	"Cody, Kristen Renee"
"Alford, Donald John"	"Copeland, Matthew Kyle"
"Alford, Janene Flora"	"Cottrell, Lindsay Russell"
"Alford, Michael Lee"	"Crowley, Jessica Ann"
"Allen, Zachary Jerald"	"Cruz, Briel Lashelle"
"Almanza, Favian Dae"	"Cruz-Larney, Famela Guadalupe"
"Atwara, Hawana Rain"	"Curtis, Kenda Janae"
"Atwara, Rae Lynn"	"Davis, Barbara Ann"
"Balch, Tasha Jamie Renee"	"Davis, Darrol Everett"
"Ballard, James Wesley"	"Dawsey, Vera Mae"
"Barbosa Jr., Francisco Lazaro"	"Day, Linda Lee"
"Barbosa, Natalie Cadence"	"Delodge, Cheyenne MacHelle"
"Barnes, Alvina Lynn ( Wilson )"	"Dodds, Clayton Robert"
"Barnes, Jonna Kay"	"Downey, Sheila Ann"
"Barriga, Dana Michelle"	"Drags Wolf, Whirlwind"
"Beachem, Lois Marie"	"Draper, Daria Dawn"
"Bella-Heim, Katherine Ann"	"Durmon, Patrick Duane"
"Berry, Michael Wayne"	"Edgmon, Kimberly Ann"
"Bettelyoun, Sonia Elaine"	"Elkins, David Preston"
"Blackbear, Kyler Jesse"	"Ellis, Davy Joe"
"Blancett, Tina Marie"	"Ellis, Margaret E Starr"
"Blanchard, Caileah Ann"	"Elmore, Braden Lee"
"Blanchard, Christopher Ray"	"England, Randall Blake"
"Blanchard, Ervin Lee"	"Farris, Jaroyce Paul"
"Blanchard, Henry Benjamin"	"Felton, Kai Neal Blaze"
"Blanchard, Jessica Marie"	"Felton, Wyatt Cooper"
"Blanchard, Kaylee Dawn"	"Finch, Courtney Shea"
"Blanchard, Kenneth Leland"	"Fixico, Angela Rochelle"
"Blanchard, Leadra Danae"	"Foreman Sr., Leonard Dewayne"
"Blanchard, Luann Delores"	"Fowler, Sofia Evelyn"
"Blanchard, Ruth Evelyn"	"Frazier, Kendell Terese"
"Blanchard, Sandra Lynn"	"French, Joseph Lee"
"Blanchard, Stacie Faye"	"Frye, Michele Renia"
"Blood, Jeffery Lee"	"Fuentez, Adriana Esperanza"
"Bond, James Phillip"	"Galyon ( Cochrane ), Joyce Ann"
"Boston, Sheila Marie"	"Garretson, Shawnelle V."
"Boston, Sheldon Shannon"	"Gibson Jr, Roy Gene"
"Brady, Crystal Sue"	"Gibson, Marie Spoon"
"Breeding, Taylor Mae"	"Gibson, Morgan Lee"
"Britt, Nathan Scott"	"Gibson-Hicks, Leila Kay"
"Brokesoulder, Riley Ann"	"Gillmore, Tammy Kay"
"Brown, Teresa"	"Goodman, Brandon Thomas"
"Buckheart, Phillip Paul"	"Gouge, Marissa Janell"
"Byers, Dallas Landry"	"Granstrom, Brandon Thomas"
"Carlson, Adrianno McBride"	"Gray, Dora Estelle"
"Carroll, Wessie Carmen"	"Greenfield, David Glenn"
"Carter, Rosa Lee"	"Griffin, Armani De`jour"
"Casteel, Serenity James"	"Griffin, Corrine Sue"
"Chambers, Diana Lynn"	
"Chisholm, Anita Sue"	
"Citty, Daniel Keith"	

"Haney, Carolyn Ann"	"Panther, Jessalynn Rae Ann"
"Harjo Jr., Victor Ray"	"Pearl, Melody Leann"
"Harjo, Jason Michael"	"Pearl, Roger Allen"
"Harjo, Theresa Michelle"	"Peetoom, Stephanie Dawn"
"Heatley Jr., Abraham Lee"	"Puckitt, Marilyn Susan"
"Herrera Sr., Ruben Pilar"	"Puckitt, Ryan Paul"
"Herrera, Jennifer Marie"	"Ramirez, Librado Bryan"
"Herrera, Renee Christine"	"Ramirez, Syla Loumae"
"Herrod, Lucas Andrew"	"Rickard, Keely Danielle"
"Hill, Scotty Lee"	"Ridenour, Lesley Paige"
"Holderness, John Lennon"	"Riedel, Jerri Annette"
"Hood, Steven Mark"	"Rojas Jr., Antonio"
"Houston III, Gary Dean"	"Rolette, David Wayne"
"Huckaby, Richard Allen"	"Roller, David Lee"
"Irvin III, William Jetson"	"Roller, Susan Margaret"
"Jackson, Amanda Christine"	"Ross, James Edward"
"James, Barbara Cheryl"	"Rudloff, Derek Chace"
"Jimerson, Dante Romain"	"Runsabove, Brock Allen"
"Johnson Jr., Robert Anthony"	"Ryan, Cullen Patrick"
"Johnson, Airen Nicole"	"Salazar, Catherine Lynn"
"Johnson, Augustine"	"Sallee, Melanie Rachele"
"Johnson, Carrielynn Melissa"	"Sanchez, Janna Lee Anne"
"Johnson, Crystal Faith"	"Sanchez, Luisa Raquel"
"Johnson, Darrell Ray"	"Sanchez, Steven Mercedes"
"Johnson, Desiree Cathonel"	"Sanchez, Trevor"
"Johnson, Diana Kay"	"Schwarz, Shawn Sigmund"
"Johnson, Lisa Marie"	"Scraper, Margaret Alice"
"Johnson, Nicholas Ray"	"Serena, Shawn Lee"
"Johnson, Robin"	"Shawnee, Lyndell Grant"
"Johnson, Ronnie Gene"	"Sinks, Daniel Ray"
"Josytewa, Daniel Dakota"	"Sloan, Taya Adalya Marie"
"Kaskuske, Clara L."	"Sloan, Virginia Michelle"
"Kastl, Richard Dean"	"Sloat, Brett Marshall"
"Katsiaficas, Glenda Joanne Alford"	"Sloat, Jimmy Wayne"
"Kennedy, Rebecca Lea"	"Sloat, Lorraine Gail"
"Kennedy, Willie James"	"Snake, Amber Larae"
"Kinnamon, Alisha Dawn"	"Spoon Jr., Steven Paul"
"Kirby, William Anthony"	"Spoon, Alexis Cheyenne"
"Langston, Nicole Leeann"	"Spybuck, Nicole Lynn"
"Larney Jr., Nathaniel Roy"	"Spybuck, Thomas Matthew"
"Larney, Darrell Wayne"	"Squire Sr., Kenneth Dale"
"Larney, Tava Dionne"	"Squire, Suzetta Ann"
"Latham Sloan, Stone Tecumseh"	"Starr, Ashley Ann"
"Lee, Christopher Ashton"	"Starr, Esella Mia"
"Leedom, Daniel Clayton"	"Starr, Jamie Dawn"
"Liles, Tammy Gayle"	"Stephens, Crystal Ladawn"
"Little, Mark Anthony"	"Stoliby, Allen Monroe"
"Little Axe, Angela Renae"	"Strain, Susan Elaine"
"Little Axe, Barbara J White"	"Stricklin, Olivia Sayson"
"Little Axe, Chastity Lynn"	"Sullivan Jr., Thomas Lee"
"Little Axe, Jamison Sloan"	"Switch, Cara Cameron"
"Little Axe, Kimberly Jolene"	"Switch, Melpherd Dewayne"
	"Tallchief, Sierra Marie"
	"Thompson, DeKaylie Talara"
	"Tiger Jr., Leonard Gene"
	"Tiger, Cierra Alayne"
	"Tiger, Lily Martha Ruth"
	"Tiger, Linda Kay"
	"Tiger, Mary Louise"
	"Tolbert, Jayvaughn Charles"
	"Tolbert, Jocelyn Renee"
	"Tullius, Ashley Nicole"
	"Tyner, Lewis Blaine"
	"Vaughn, Sandra Kay"
	"Velez, Carol Ann"
	"Wahpekeche, Joaquin Noah"
	"Wakley, Brianna Morgan"
	"Warrior Jr., Manuel Anthony"
	"Warrior, Samuel Adrian"
	"Watson, Gregory Doyle"
	"Wenholm, Tyson Riley"
	"West, Randall Aaron"
	"Whinery, Michelle Lauren"
	"White, Darrel Lee"
	"White, Michael Brooks"
	"White, Violet Joyce"
	"Whitten, Mikayla R.a.c."
	"Whitten, Tina Louise"
	"Williams Jr, Robert"
	"Williams, Charlotte Virginia"
	"Williams, Deana Michelle"
	"Williams, Derrick Heath"
	"Williams, Jennifer Lee"
	"Williams, Kaysa Lyn"
	"Williams, Susan Elizabeth"
	"Williamson, Jeanie Oldham"
	"Wilson, Alicia Marie"
	"Wilson, Anthony Eugene"
	"Wilson, Asa Lynch"
	"Wilson, Debra Ann"
	"Wilson, Deja Lea"
	"Wilson, Espernsi"
	"Wilson, Sarah Madisen Jane"
	"Wilson, Terry Blaine"
	"Wilson, Tiffany Michele"
	"Wolfe Jr., Zachary Paul"
	"Wolfe, Zachary Paul"
	"Woodward, Anthony Emmett"
	"Woodward, Blake Anthony"
	"Yates, Trevor Todd Thomas"

## **ABSENTEE SHAWNEE WINS COVETED TITLE OF MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA 2011-2012**



(Contributing to story among others: Madeline Watkins-St. Gregory's University)

Devon Frazier, a sophomore at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Oklahoma, says she "felt completely honored" when she heard her name called for the "prestigious title" of Miss Indian Oklahoma 2011 at the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women's annual pageant in McAlester, Oklahoma.

*"My first reaction was to look at my mom – who made me stay up night after night to perfect and critique every little detail – and I knew I made her proud whether I had won or not,"* Frazier said in a statement. She is the daughter of Lisa and Rick Frazier.

This spring Frazier was chosen for the title by a panel of judges based on her performance in several areas, including personal interview, essay, traditional dress, talent, platform, academics and her answer to an impromptu question. The theme of the 2011 pageant was "Honoring Our Mother's Journey by Keeping Our Eyes on the Future and Our Hearts in the Past." Frazier's essay and speech stressed the importance of preserving the lessons of our forefathers and active involvement in our tribal communities for cultural preservation.

Unlike conventional pageants, the Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant, developed by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW) in 1973, functions as a means of fostering and preserving Native American culture and is open only to young women who are enrolled tribal members. The objective of the Federation is to create a bond of friendship among the members, to promote action of purpose in preserving the cultural heritage and identity of each Indian tribe, and to develop ways of depicting the Indian woman as taking her place in the world today. Frazier is the only Absentee Shawnee to ever hold this title. She also has affiliations with the Choctaw, Delaware and Caddo tribes. Native Americans represent 8.6 percent of the total population of Oklahoma, according to the U.S. Census Bureau of 2010.

Frazier introduced herself to the judges in the Shawnee language. She wore the traditional dress of the Absentee Shawnee people which she described to Catholic News Service (CNS) as "nomadic wear" since the Absentee Shawnee people migrated from the eastern part of the United States.

For the talent portion of the pageant, Frazier chose to perform the song "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban and interpreted it in sign language. She said she felt it best captured the theme of the pageant. *"I wanted to show that what my ancestors (my mother and grandmother and women before me) did for the future generations was really inspiring."*

According to the pageant's custom, Frazier was presented with a silver crown and cedar box. In addition to winning the overall title, she also placed first in the Academic Achievement category. Her reign will last one year. As Miss Indian Oklahoma, Frazier will travel to events both locally and nationally to represent native women of all tribes. She has already been asked to speak at several speaking engagements, including the Kickapoo Tribal Prevention Youth Group, Choctaw Nation Determination Camp, and the Tulsa Powwow Club. She was responsible for leading the arena grand entry for the Red Earth Festival and leading the royalty in the parade.

*"I am most excited about representing native women of all tribes, and especially those of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe". "This is a tremendous opportunity for me personally and I feel truly blessed to be able to reach out to others on issues that are important to Native Americans."*

She is a 4.0 sophomore studying history at St. Gregory's, a Benedictine liberal arts university founded in 1875. Frazier attended Little Axe High School and was an Oklahoma Academic Scholar, Female Scholar Athlete of the Year 2010, and she won numerous awards for softball and track. She received an athletic scholarship to attend St. Gregory's University, where she pitches for the SGU Cavalier's softball team. She also is involved with several student initiatives on campus, including the Native American study group, and she hopes to start a Native American leadership student group in the near future.

"We are very proud to have an Absentee Shawnee hold this prestigious title and we know that she will do a great job in representing Native American women," said Governor George Blanchard of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. "She is an exemplary young woman and represents the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, all Native American Tribes, and the community well in all that she does. We are pleased that she has this opportunity, and we support her fully."

In a June message to those involved in Native American ministry, Father Wayne Paysse, executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office based in Washington, shared the news of Frazier's win and said: "She is certainly a role model for our Native American youth across the United States.

During her year-long reign as Miss Indian Oklahoma, Frazier will be visiting various groups, attending powwows, and speaking about the importance of preserving one's culture, especially among youths. She told CNS the challenges facing young Native Americans often have to do with education.

*"I grew up learning if I wanted to make a difference, I would have to get an education to help my people,"* Frazier said. *"To make a strong and definite difference you have to get an education."*

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the number of American Indian students enrolled in colleges and universities has more than doubled in the past 30 years. Nevertheless, the high school dropout rate among Native Americans remains the second highest in the nation, second only to Hispanics. Frazier said she recently spoke to a Kickapoo tribe about the importance of education.

*"They have low high school graduation rates, which is troubling to me because I believe strongly in education."*

Though unsure of her plans after college, a news release from St. Gregory's noted that she is considering becoming a teacher herself. *"I have thought about numerous possibilities such as a teaching career or working with the Absentee Shawnee tribe,"* she said. *"Whatever I do, I know that I want to help other people, because that is something I greatly enjoy."*

To book Miss Frazier for an appearance or speaking engagement, call (405) 593-0067. To learn more about the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW), contact Angela Kihega on (405) 590-2300 or by email at [kihega\\_hokte@att.net](mailto:kihega_hokte@att.net)

# THANK YOU

We the Children of Cathy Jean Raisbeck would like to thank the members of the tribe for helping us in our time of need on such short notice.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Gene Raisbeck and  
Samule Walter Raisbeck

Thank you to the AST staff, several tribal members, my family and friends for your support and prayers through my medical emergency that resulted in a ten day hospital stay that took me away from my children, my job, and my everyday activities. The help you gave and are still giving through my continued recovery will never be forgotten. Many of you may also wonder if this Aug. newsletter was "forgotten". My apologies for the delay of this newsletter. I understand the importance that the newsletter information carries to so many of you. However, thank you so kindly for your understanding. May God bless you all.

Allie Vargas  
AST Media Director



## Absentee Shawnee Tribe Of Oklahoma Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Practical Parenting Classes

PSSF Program provides parenting classes to promote positive parenting, help with the understanding of child development and communication skills to strengthen the entire family.

The classes will meet for ten consecutive weeks every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00pm in Building #3. You must attend every class to receive a Certificate of Completion.

A dinner will be provided at every class as well as a babysitter on site if needed. Classes are available for non tribal members at a small fee. Classes are continuous throughout the year so for more information, call 405-275-4030 ext. 114.

Sena Yesslith, PSSF Worker



Summer is coming to an end....a new school year is beginning; this can be a stressful time for your child. Especially for those who are starting their first year in elementary or if your child is going into middle school or high school. New teachers, bigger classes, more homework and different daily routines are few factors that your child is stressing over. As a parent there are ways you can help your children to cope.

- Model enthusiasm for learning. Be excited and eager for the new school year, your child will be too.
- Expose your child to every opportunity to learn. Have age appropriate books, encyclopedias, dictionary or atlas available. Take family trips to the museum, zoo or go on a nature hikes.
- Take your child on a tour of their school, meet teachers and administration. Show respect and support for your child's teacher and school.
- Be attentive and active in parent/teacher conferences, open house, school plays, fundraisers and sports events. It's more beneficial for parents and child if both parents attend school functions.
- Read to your child, make daily reading a routine. Encourage independent reading.
- Set realistic expectations for your child's achievement and behavior. Encourage your child to stretch within his level of ability. Let children know you are

- proud of them and everyone makes mistakes.
- Create a balance for learning within your family. Have structure, routine and sense of responsibility in the family for learning. Allow time for play and relaxation.
- Have specific area set up for homework, free of all distractions. Be available for help but avoid being directly involved with their homework.
- Ask your child how his day was and what his day consist of at school. Ask to see their papers and other projects, going over them together.
- Know your role as parent and your child's role as the child.

Remember that every child is different and have different levels of learning. Be realistic of your child's learning ability and to encourage them. When parents are involved with their child's learning it shows; I care about you, I believe in education, I support you and encourage you to reach your highest potential in education.

*This information if provided by  
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Promoting Safe and Stable Families  
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# THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Questions most asked by children:

What is that?

Na-he-wa se-ya-ha he-ne

What is this?

Na-he-wa se-ya-ha yo-mi

How do you use it?

Na-he-wa ke-ti-se-hi-wa

Who made it?

Na-fi-wa ho-ma-ge-to he-ne

What is it made of?

Na-he-wa se-ya-he ho-ge ho-se-to-ta

Can I see it?

Hi-ta-pe na-wi-pi-ti

Can I hold it?

Hi-ta-pe na-fo-ke-ni

Can I touch it?

Hi-ta-pe na-pa sa-ni

Can I play with it?

Hi-ta-pe na-wi-ne-ge-lo

Where did you get it?

Ti-ne-wa ke-ho-ti-ta-ni

Can I have it?

Hi-ta-pe na-we-li-me-ki

Let me buy it.

Na-ta-pa-ni

# Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- **Academic (K-12) Program**: assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- **Zahn Program**: established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program**: funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- Higher Education: **Education Incentive Award Program**: funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program**: funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

## **Attention:**

All applications and guidelines are available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to [tresham@astribe.com](mailto:tresham@astribe.com).

FREE music lessons every day this summer  
for all Native American Children! From the  
ages 5 years to 19. Come join the fun and  
learn to play guitar, bass guitar, piano, and  
vocals, just give me a call at (405) 275-4030  
ext: 117 ask for Phil Bradley. Let's get you  
having some fun this summer; come in out of  
the heat and enjoy music. MSPI Creative Arts  
Music Dept./Behavioral Health

Thanks.

# Asian Adventure... Year of the Rabbit

Camp Nikoti—Summer Youth Leadership Camp 2011, Asian Adventure...Year of the Rabbit concluded on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. 28 youth from Norman, Choctaw, Tecumseh, Shawnee, Little Axe and surrounding areas participated in activities to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills, their physical endurance (especially with all the triple digit temps!), and their cultural identity. We had guest speakers, representing various departments within the tribe, mentor our youth through activities and presentations. Every day was filled with games, learning sessions, guest speakers, arts and crafts, or field trips.

Thank you to everyone who helped us with all our special camp activities!

Camp would not have been possible without these people... Special Thanks to Jeff Gibson—Tribal Representative, Teri Reed—Tribal Secretary, Isaac Gibson—Lt. Governor, Margaret Ellis—Admin. Assistant/Family Services, Rick Short—CCDF Consultant, Randy Edge—AST TERO Department, Savannah Stacy—Building Blocks CDC, Roger Anderson—AST OEH, Henrietta Ellis—Cultural Preservation, Andy Warrior—Lt. Governor's Office, Melissa Lopez and JR Wind—AST ICW Department, Anthony Johnson—AST Police Department, Jackie Denny, Linda Gouge, Deborah Davis, and Kimberly Stephens—AST Domestic Violence Department, and Meredith Wahpekeche—Little Axe AST Elder.



## We Are Looking For Tribal Youth Leaders!

**We will be meeting once every month to cover topics that interest our youth.**

**We will also become involved with our communities by doing a variety of community projects.**

***Our First Meeting for the 2011-2012 school year will be August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the basement of Building #3.***

***We will provide refreshments at each meeting!***

*If you are interested in becoming a member of the AST Youth Council, please contact....  
(405)275-4030 Jared ext. 193 or Tresha ext. 121*



# FOLLOWING IN OUR FOOTSTEPS



The "Following in Our Footsteps Program" (Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative Grant) held their summer Retreat on June 7th, 8th, & 9th 2011 at the Arrowhead Resort in Tahlequah, OK. Thunderbird Lodge was the lodging site for 28 children and 13 adult volunteers. The children ranged from 8 yrs - 17 yrs old. Everyone had the opportunity to swim and float the Illinois River by rafts.

The adult volunteers consisted of parents, grandparents, and extended family members in an effort to promote the family unity. Several volunteers were employees that included health professionals to provide medical care or treatment; also the cultural perspective was introduced in several settings from beadwork, storytelling, and nature.

The meth/suicide prevention initiative was provided in an educational setting with the 12 yrs and up receiving the more in depth education and awareness of meth and suicide.

Behavioral Health conducted depression screenings during the educational process.

A big "thank you" to all volunteers: Manual Johnson, Sharon Ponkilla, Henryetta Ellis, Leroy Ellis, Chris Swanson, Ryan Hill, YVette Hill, Darren Shields, Angela Green, Sylvia Swanson, Alecia Onzahwah-Atwara, and Allie Vargas. Special thanks to Kurt Williams, for the use of the Thunderbird Casino Bus; and to the other individuals that were drivers in the transportation task. We will be planning another retreat next year at the same time.

The MSPI Director attended the Cultural Competency training on June 21st and 22nd in Oklahoma City. The Action Summit for Suicide Prevention and the 2nd Annual Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative Conference will be held in Scottsdale, AZ on August 1st - 4th, 2011. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe MSPI program was requested to help coordinate a National Suicide Awareness Walk at this national conference. Our "Walking for Life" MSPI walk was held at the Shawnee Mall last year. The time and place for this year's walk is TBA which could be in September or October.

Several MSPI "Following in Our Footsteps Program" activities are currently ongoing such as the music program with Phil Bradley and an incentive program at the YMCA. The horseback riding and special events at the ranch will return this Fall season such as hayrides, Halloween, and Xmas themes and other special events. All activities provided are to give children an opportunity to learn new alternatives for entertainment and recreation with their family. It also provides a time when we can educate the family about meth and suicide.

For more information please contact Jenifer Sloan, MSPI Director @ 878-4716.

## Horse Shoe Bend Of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe

The Horse Shoe Bend Golf Clinic was held on July 19, 20, 21, 2011, from 8:00 am until 11:30 am, there were 25 participants that signed up and 21 attended for all three days. Clinic was guided by Jared Cody. Jared played as an individual golfer all through his high school years at Dale High School. During his high school golf career he went to state all four years and played in the Jr. PGA Circuit. After graduating Jared attended Campbell University of North Carolina and studied Professional Golf Management. Returning to Shawnee Jared played golf at St. Gregory's University.

A short video was played for the participants to watch before breaking into groups. A demonstration was conducted by Jared for each step. Participants had individual instructions on how to grip a club and how to stand to hit an iron, also each one was showed how to stand when hitting a wood. The first two days participants continue to work on gripping and standing when hitting with different clubs. On the third and last day participants had the opportunity to play on a golf course. We traveled to the Persimmon Hills Golf located in Meeker, Oklahoma. Participants went in groups with their coaches. Participants were excited to actually play on a real golf course and to ride a golf cart throughout the golf course. Hot dogs and chips, and soda drinks where waiting for the hot and tired golfers at the end of the golf session. Thanks to Mary Hardin for preparing the treats. Two golf carts were rented out for the two days at the Horse Shoe Bend Community Center to transport participants to the west field from Horse Shoe Bend Community Center. I would like to thank the following coaches that took time out of their busy schedules to help with the golf clinic. Roger and Deidra Loveland , Wynona Coon, Theresa Cody, Junior Little Axe, Steve Johnson,

Dan Little Axe. Thanks to Christie Shaffer making sure all participants and coaches had cold drinks during this hot weather while being outside. Certificates will be mailed out along with a group picture to each participant, certificates was designed by Anne Wilson. I want to thank the two summer employees Dakota Blanchard and Randall Watson for all their help with the golf clinic and the Summer Tutoring Program. You guys have done an awesome job .

This golf clinic would not have happened without the maintenance department for their hard work of cutting the west field of the Horse Shoe Bend and help setting up the canopies and delivering and returning the golf carts. THANKS!!!

I like to also thank: " Following in our Foot Steps" (Meth/Suicide Prevention Intervention Grant) for their help with the participant \$10.00 fee for the golf clinic and the beef franks for the hot dogs and the treats donated to the summer tutoring program.

Thanks to Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson and Representative Jeff Gibson and Rick Short, for your support helping make this golf clinic a success. Michael Berry for taking the group picture, Andy Warrior for driving the bus and making all the plans for the trip to the Persimmon Hills Golf Course.

Thanks to the Cobblestone Creek Golf Club, Noble, Oklahoma and Persimmon Hills Golf Course, Meeker, Oklahoma, Academy Sports + Outdoors, OKC South. BIG THANKS TO THE PARENTS TO OUR FUTURE 21 GOLFERS.

EDWINA BUTLER -WOLFE, DIRECTOR

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Horse Shoe Bend Golf Clinic  
Group Picture  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Clinic

L-R front row: Ruben Wilson, Alec Strange, Nicholas Shaffer, Davin Coon, Brody Miller, Blake Haskins, Katie Wilson, Kimberly Bynum, Maecie Bender, Justin Coon . Second Row L-R: Junior Little Axe, Connor Edwards, Gregory Hardin II, Christian Anderson, Raven Ponkilla, Cameron Sherfield, Dylan Zediana, Donnie 'Dre' Evans, Abbe Owings, Kylee Deer, Callie Sherfield, Jalon Martinez. Back Row L-R: Dan Little Axe, Dakota Blanchard, Randall Watson, Rick Short, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Steve Johnson, Jared Cody, Wynona Coon, Christie Shaffer, Deidra Loveland, Roger Loveland.

## Oklahoma is facing a Prescriptions Drug Addiction and Dependency Epidemic.

While most people are familiar with the term substance abuse, many are unknowledgeable about substance dependency. In particular, physical dependency to opiate prescription pain killers such as Hydrocodone, Lortab or Oxycontin.

First it is important to understand the difference between substance abuse, addiction and physical dependency. An indicator of substance abuse can be described as anytime a substance is used at an inappropriate time or in an inappropriate amount. (*A glass of wine with dinner is socially accepted and appropriate; a glass of wine with breakfast is not accepted and inappropriate*). Addiction may be defined as a compulsion to use a substance despite the negative consequences it causes to self. (Expecting a drug screen in the morning and use marijuana the evening before realizing it will have negative consequences). Physical dependency may be defined as the tolerance of substances so that the absence of the substance prevents the body from functioning normally. (Withdrawals, DT, risk of seizures etc). Persons whom engage in substance abuse do not necessarily become addicted to the substances. (*Drink to intoxication one night but has no daily compulsion to drink*). Likewise, a person can become dependent upon a substance without engaging in substance abuse (*Take pain medication as prescribed and become physically dependent*).

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA): "there's a long history of discussions about whether addiction is a medical disorder or a moral problem. Decades worth of studies support the view that opioid addiction is a medical disorder that can be treated effectively with medications administered under conditions consistent with their pharmacological efficacy, when the treatment includes comprehensive services including counseling, treatment for co-occurring disorders, medical services, vocational rehabilitation and case management" (Dole and Nyswander 1976; McLellan et al. 1993).

Understanding opiate dependency and the medical model requires one to consider

opiate addiction in context of other medical conditions that require the patients to change their environment and personal choices in combination to their medical treatment such as hypertension, diabetes or asthma. Consider the plight of a person diagnosed with diabetes. If a diabetic person does not change their eating habits to that recommended for a diabetic, they will likely continue to use insulin to function normally. Once a person whom has diabetes has developed healthy eating habits, they may taper their insulin accordingly with the supervision of their medical doctor. This is the approach utilized within evidence based opiate dependency programs, methadone programs.

The medical basis for methadone maintenance is described by Dole (1998) as: *A corrective, normalizing neurological and endocrinology process in patients whose endogenous ligand-receptor function has been deranged by long term use of powerful narcotic drugs.* Methadone is a harm reduction approach to opiate dependency and there is evidence based data gathered over many years that demonstrates its effectiveness in reducing HIV/AIDs, hepatitis B and C and tuberculosis. Newer drugs have also been found to have similar positive outcomes for the treatment of opiate dependency such as Suboxone or Buprenorphine. Unfortunately, while suboxone and buprenorphine are effective in treating the physical symptoms of opiate addition, they are not part of an evidence based program governed by federal and state laws in addition to the DEA as methadone clinics.

The stigma attached to methadone treatment is strong and not often accepted among those in the medical community. Considering Oklahoma's well documented prescription drug abuse and opiate dependency problem it is important to consider facts about methadone programs compiled by reliable resources in evidence based programs.

1. Methadone treatment is associated with a significant reduction, but not necessarily cessation, of drug use for many.
2. Decreases overdose rates even in patients whom have not achieved total abstinence.

3. Significantly improved patient health and well-being including increases in employment rates and reduction in criminal activities.

Stigma impacts patients and programs in many negative ways including communities' reluctance to allow clinics to operate in needed areas, discourages patients from seeking dependency interventions and often attracts employees responsible for delivering services to use punitive approaches.

The stigma associated with methadone treatment can be improved through concerted efforts to educate the public of the evidence based outcomes that show the positive results of methadone treatment programs. Additionally, advocating for quality program services so that methadone patients are not forced into isolation within their communities as it relates to the negative stereotype associated with clinics. Finally, advocating for the utilization of evidence based programs within methadone treatment programs and attracting well trained and educated service providers to deliver the program services will support efforts to end stigma associated with methadone programs.

Whether one is for or against methadone as a treatment to opiate dependency the fact remains, methadone clinics are in operation in Oklahoma and they should deliver quality services to those receiving treatment. Opiate dependency may bring to mind homeless heroine addicts but this is an outdated stereotype. Methadone clinics are utilized by wealthy and educated persons employed in a variety of reputable professions including attorneys, nurses, educators and small business owners. Many patients on methadone clinics are battling addiction and dependency to opiates after experiencing a medical procedure or sustaining serious injury and receiving pain medication needed to promote recovery.

Any person in need of information or links to resources for substance abuse or dependency issues please contacts the AST Behavioral Health Department at 878-4716.

Virginia Kinkade MSW

# Absentee Shawnee Tribal Injury Prevention Program



The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Injury Prevention Program would like to pass on information regarding our program services we offer Native Americans living in our five county service area; Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, Logan, and Lincoln Counties. Motor vehicle safety including child passenger safety and elderly fall prevention are two main focuses for AST Injury Prevention.

## Child Passenger Safety

According to National Highway Safety Administration, proper use of child restraints nationwide during the past 30 years has saved the lives of 8,325 children under age 5. An estimated 425 lives were saved by child restraint use in 2006. Research shows that child restraints provide the best protection for all children up to age 8; after age 8, seat belts provide the best protection.

Summer is upon us and families may be taking extra trips to attend family friendly events or enjoy family vacations. AST IP would like to discourage families to not use "hand me down" car seats if you aren't familiar with the seat's history; *has it been in a collision, is it five years or older, or has it been recalled?* Child safety is not something a parent should compromise so AST IP has partnered with SAFE Kids Oklahoma to bring safer options to your community.

The AST IP can offer free car seats to children enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, whose family is receiving state assistance; DHS Benefits or WIC. We require proof of enrollment, proof of address, as well as proof of assistance. We will not be able to provide "spare" car seats or to anyone other than the child's parent or guardian.

## Elderly Fall Prevention

The CDC reports the death rates for Native American's in the US have increased from 69.87% in 2000 to 76.48% in 2005. Unintentional falls accounted for 81% of deaths of persons ages 65 and older. For those who are fortunate enough not to suffer a fatal injury during a fall, are likely to become less mobile, unable to live independently, and may suffer an early death. Elders are central to the well-being and cultural strength of our Native communities. They define our identity and continue to give us cultural wisdom. It is the duty of the Native American community to protect these vital individuals. All year long, the Injury Prevention Program would like to focus unintentional falls for elders because there are dangers inside the home not related to travel.

AST Injury Prevention Program offers healthy alternatives to growing older. A healthy diet and good exercise is an option we offer here at the AST health Programs. If you live in our 5 county service area, we have an on staff dietitian as well as fitness specialists to help you manage weight, improve muscle strength and maintain mobility. Tai Chi is great for elders to maintain and gain mobility for healthy living. For More Information on any of the mentioned services give us a call or check us out online [www.absenteeshawneetribe-nsn.gov](http://www.absenteeshawneetribe-nsn.gov) and follow the links "Fitness and Wellness" and "Injury Prevention Program."



*"Unintentional falls are the second leading cause of unintentional deaths for Native American ages 55 and older."  
-Center for Disease Control*



**Absentee Shawnee Health**

**Programs**

**AST Injury Prevention Program**

**(Thursday & Friday)**

**Shawnee Clinic**

**405.878.4702 ext. 175**

**(Monday through Wednesday)**

**Little Axe Clinic**

**405.447.0300 ext. 214**



2% milk served daily

August 2011

menu subject to change

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Pork Chop Mac N Tom. Fruit Cocktail Roll</b>	1 <b>Weiners n Kraut Veggies Tossed Salad Cookie</b>	2 <b>Beef Tips Noodles Brussel Sprouts Apple Crisp</b>	3 <b>Manwich Baked Beans Cookie Apple</b>	4 <b>Biscuit Gravy Cereal</b>	5 6		
7 <b>Absentee Shawnee Day AST Closed</b>	8 <b>Soft Taco Lett, Tom, Onion Refried Beans Spanish Rice Salsa</b>	9 <b>Oven Fried Chicken Wild Rice Veggies Peaches</b>	10 <b>Grilled Chez Veggie Soup Pears</b>	11 <b>Oatmeal Toast Bacon</b>	12 13		
14 <b>Chicken Fry Sandwich Lett, Tom, Onion Mac. Salad Plums</b>	15 <b>Beans Cowboy Bread Onion, Tomato Cake</b>	16 <b>Philly Steak Sandwich Steakfries Pears</b>	17 <b>Enchilada Casserole Mexi-corn Sopapillas Tossed Salad Salsa</b>	18 <b>TBA</b>	19 20		
21 <b>Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onions Curly Fries Ice Cream</b>	22 <b>Chef Salad w/ Turkey Eggs,Chez,Tom Cott Chez-Peaches Breadsticks</b>	23 <b>Chili Dog Chips Pork n Beans Cookie Mand. Oranges</b>	24 <b>Beef Fingers Mashed Pot./Gravy Greenbeans Roll Pears</b>	25 <b>Biscuit Sausage Gravy Juice</b>	26 27		
28 <b>Spaghetti w/meatsauce Broccoli Garlic Bread Tossed Salad</b>	29 <b>Chicken Salad Sandwich Lett, Tom Pot. Salad Fresh Fruit</b>	30 <b>Fish Coleslaw Hushpuppies Salad Bar</b>	31 <b>NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER</b>				

August  
22-26, the  
Title VI  
Director,

Owings,  
will be  
attending  
the AoA  
Title VI

# National Conference in

Washington  
DC. Any

question or  
concerns,  
you can  
contact us  
at 405-  
275-4030  
ext 169.

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**LUNCH SERVED MON-THUR 11AM TO 1PM**  
**BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY 9AM TO 11AM**  
SALAD BAR SERVED AT CONGREGATE SITES ONLY

# **NOTICE**

Please call for updated  
information for  
**24 HOUR DUI SCHOOL**  
Call Linda or Glenna at  
(405) 275-3432  
Everyone welcome

## **FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors** **still Available!!**

OEH personnel will provide and install smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members living in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County.

Please complete an application/short survey form and schedule a time and date for installation. Application/survey forms are available at the OEH office and at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

# **ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE**

### **Enrollment office Address Change Request**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CDIB# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail to:**  
**Absentee Shawnee Tribe**  
**Enrollment Office**  
**2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive**  
**Shawnee, OK. 74801**

Tribal Member Signature

Date



## AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

Sunday - 7am to 7pm  
 Monday - 7am to 3pm  
 Tuesday - 7am to 3pm  
 Wednesday - 7am to 8pm  
 Thursday - 7am to 8pm  
 Friday - 7am to 9pm  
 Saturday - 7am to 9pm

### **Early Bird Breakfast**

**\$4.99**

**2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns**

**Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee**  
(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer. With coupon. No substitutions.)



**Open 7 Days A Week!**



**366-7220**

**Check out our daily homemade lunch specials!**

**Something different every day!**

**(In Front of Thunderbird Entertainment Center Next to AST Smoke Shop)**

## Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child.? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez  
 405-275-4030 ext. 166.

# TERO

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT  
RIGHTS OFFICE

**RANDY EDGE**  
 TERO DIRECTOR

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
 Shawnee, OK 74801  
 redge@astribe.com

Phone 405.275.4030 ext.135  
 Cell 405.432.9859

**Are you out of work? Do you need a job? Come see AST TERO Randy Edge TERO Director for potential jobs in connection with the new AST casino being built in front of the tribal headquarters. Need folks for housekeeping, maintenance, security, player's club, gaming techs, and servers. Come by TERO and fill out a TERO application, please bring picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB, and resume. We can help you prepare for that next job.**

**Thunderbird CASINO**

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU**



**EVERY WEEK RECEIVE \$10 FREE SLOT PLAY**

Just show your Absentee Shawnee Tribal CDIB Card, to take advantage of the offer.

See Player's Club Desk for complete details

Management reserves the right to change or alter any promotion.

**If you'd like to submit an ad or article give us a call at [405] 275-4030 ext. 146 or send us an e-mail at mediaddept@astribe.com**

**ALL ARTICLES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.**

**Office of Environmental Health & Engineering**

**• Tribal Housing Improvements Application**

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

**Other Programs available:**

**• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program**

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex  
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13  
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

**PHARMACY NEWS**

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY  
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.
- ✓ Please provide the prescription number that is listed above your name on the prescription bottle.



**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**

**Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic  
15702 E. Hwy 9  
Norman, Oklahoma 73026**

**Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250**

**Clinic Operating Hours  
Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Weekends/Federal Holidays  
Closed**

**\* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed  
the 3rd Wednesday of each month  
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

PRSR  
STANDARD MAIL  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 434  
Shawnee, OK 74801

RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

**2011  
TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS**

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Little Axe Dental	(405) 307-9704
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH/OEP	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Tribal Grocery &	
SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in Harrah	(405) 454-0055